



Save the Dates:

- **May 25-27, 2007**
Almeric L. Christian
Tennis Tournament
Buccaneer Tennis
Club
- **June 20, 2007** 2nd
Quarterly Membership
Video-conference
Meeting.
- **August 9-14, 2007**
ABA Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA
- **September 19, 2007**
3rd Quarterly Member-
ship Meeting
- **November 11, 2007**
Almeric L. Christian
Golf Tournament
- **December 14,**
2007 Annual
Meeting



Amendment to Local Rules of Civil Procedure

Pursuant to Misc. No. 2003-06 and as proposed on March 28, 2007. Chief Judge Curtis V. Gomez ORDERED that the amendments to local Rules of Civil Procedure 12.1 and 56.1 become effective on April 13, 2007. The Order states , “Some suggestions and comments received during the public hearing held on April 12, 2007 pursuant to 28 U.S.C & 2071(b), are incorporated in the new rules.” It is further “ORDERED that the new Local Rule 5.4, which was proposed in this Court’s March 28, 2007 Notice, shall not become effective on April 13, 2007. Local Rule 5.4 shall become effective on June 1, 2007.”

Attached are new rules

New Home for VI Supreme Court



Supreme Court, St. Croix

The Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands purchased a building at No. 18 Strand Street in Frederiksted, St. Croix. According to Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge, “the strand street offices will serve as the interim home for the Court until future development of appropriate court facilities. Chief Justice Hodge also noted that “the Strand Street building will not house a courtroom, and appellate hearing of the Supreme Court will be conducted, in the interim, at other court facilities in the territory.” Relocation date to the court’s new home has not been set.

Attached is a press release regarding new home for Supreme Court.

VIBA Membership Meeting Guest Speaker

Constitutional Convention Coordinator, Tregenza Roach, Esq. will Speak at our second quarterly Membership Meeting on June 20, 2007. The video-conference meeting will be held at the District Court on St. Croix and St. Thomas, at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Sharp!

High School Appellate Moot Court Competition

The Superior Court and the Virgin Islands Bar Association announces the Thirteenth Annual Virgin Islands High School Appellate Moot Court Competition. It is scheduled for May 3 & 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Superior Court on St. Thomas. St. Croix district high schools participating in the competition are St. Croix Educational Complex, Good Hope School, St. Croix Seventh Day Adventist High School and St. Joseph High School. St. Thomas district schools participating in the competition are All Saints Cathedral High School, Antilles High School, Charlotte Amalie High School, Ivana Eudora Kean High School and Saints Peter and Paul High School.

Almeric L. Christian Scholarship Tennis Tournament

The Virgin Islands Bar Association's Tenth Annual Almeric L. Christian Tennis Tournament, is scheduled **May 25-27, 2007** at the Buccaneer Hotel Tennis Club on St. Croix. Proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Almeric L. Christian Scholarship Fund. All of the students who apply for and receive grants under this scholarship fund are law students who sign a commitment to return to the territory to practice law.

To sign up to play, please contact Buccaneer Hotel Tennis Club Pro, Don DeWilde at (340) 773-3036. Entry deadline: Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 4:00 pm.

Entry forms and payment MUST be brought to the Buccaneer Hotel Tennis Club or mailed to Don DeWilde, Buccaneer Hotel Tennis Club, P. O. Box 25200, Gallows Bay, St. Croix 00824.

The tournament is open to everyone and is \$25.00 P/P for one event; \$35.00 P/P for two events. Category of events: Men's Doubles (A) Men's Doubles (B) Women's Doubles (A) Women's Doubles (B) Women's Doubles (C) Mixed Doubles Open For more info Call the Bar office at (340) 778-7497.

Blurbs

University of the Virgin Islands First Annual Law Fair was held on April 18-19, 2007 on St. Croix and St. Thomas campus. The VIBA participated by displaying a booth with info about Courts in the territory, VIBA info and programs we offer to high school and college students such as Moot Court, Scholarship Program, etc.

Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge, Associate Justices Maria M. Cabret and Alva A. Swan met on April 25th, 2007, via teleconference with President Scot McChain, Glenda Cameron and Pamela Colon to discuss MCLE and the development of Supreme Court CJA Panel.

We plan joining with Women's Coalition for Law Day Activities the week of May 1, 2007.

We are working on resurrecting legislation to make Federal Rules of Evidence the rules of Superior Court while preserving local privileges.

Notice

[NEW WEBSITE](#)

The new VI Bar website is now accessible at <http://www.vibar.org>. Please note that some modules are still under construction and we are doing our best to make it available to you as soon as possible. If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not there, send us your recommendations by emailing vibarassociation@gmail.com.

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